

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE paragraph [0033] on page 6 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] With reference now to FIG. 7, FIG. 8 and FIG. 9, the pump attaching portion 42a of the fuel pump 42 can be secured to a support plate 43. In one configuration, the fuel pump 42 is positioned such that its suction port 42b and its delivery port 42c extend in opposing directions along the pump axis A. A pump filter 44 can be provided at the fore-end of the suction port 42b. A takeout pipe 42d can be connected to the delivery port 42c. The takeout pipe 42d preferably extends through the support plate 43. A fuel hose connecting portion 42e can extend generally parallel to the pump axis A at the fore-end of the takeout pipe 42d. A fuel hose 45 can be connected to the fuel hose connecting portion 42e. The fuel hose 45 preferably extends in the direction opposite to the suction port 42b. More preferably, the fuel hose 45 extends generally in the same direction as the pump axis A of the fuel pump ~~45~~42. The fuel hose 45 can curve from right to left above the main frame 4 and can be connected from the left side to the fuel injection valve (injector) 22 located below the main frame 4. Other configurations also are possible.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0034] on page 7 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] With reference now to FIG. 1, FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, the bottom of the illustrated fuel tank 30 is formed with the nearly horizontal surface portion 31b to which is attached the fuel pump ~~45~~42 with the pump axis A nearly in ~~the a horizontal direction~~ plane C. A control unit and other components (not shown) can be provided in the space between the tunnel-like recess section 31a and the main frame 4. The fuel pump 42 preferably is placed behind the tunnel-like recess section 31a.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0036] on page 7 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] With reference to FIG. 5 and FIG. 6, when fuel moves back and forth as the vehicle accelerates or decelerates, the transversely-mounted fuel pump 42 (i.e., the fuel pump 42 with its pump axis A extending generally in the ~~transverse-vehicle width~~ direction B) helps baffle or restrict movement of the fuel (e.g., reduces fuel sloshing) relative to a fuel pump mounted with its pump axis directed in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle. Thus, the transversely-mounted fuel pump 42 improves fuel pickup by the fuel pump 42 during acceleration and deceleration.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0037] on page 7 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0037] In one preferred configuration, such as that shown in FIG. 1, FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, the generally horizontal surface portion 31b of the fuel tank 30 preferably extends in ~~a-the generally horizontal direction-plane C in-at~~ a location corresponding to the pump axis A of the fuel pump 42. As a result, the height H of the fuel pump 42 is lowered and the fuel pump 42 can be placed in the fuel tank 30 without affecting shape of the tank ceiling 32a. The pump attaching opening 31b1 can be punched in the same direction as a die stroke while the bottom plate 31 is being press formed. Accordingly, the tank bottom wall is easily fabricated.